

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to air anti-Kerry propaganda under the auspices of NEWS, days before the Presidential election is the clearest example of the dangers and abuses possible in media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. When large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's in their self interest and less of what's good for the public and our democracy. It's vastly more important that we see real people from our own communities and view objective, fact based news about REAL issues that matter in America.

Sinclair's actions undeniably indicate why we need to strengthen media ownership and accountability rules, not weaken them. Sinclair proves exactly why the license renewal process needs to be more intense, rigorous to prevent extremists from using and perverting the public airwaves for their own narrow, personal agendas.

- Thank you for your kind attention to this critical matter.